

July 27, 2015
Springfield, Missouri

The City Council met in regular session July 27, 2015 in the Council Chambers at Historic City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bob Stephens. A moment of silence was observed.

Roll Call

Present: Jan Fisk, Craig Hosmer, Kristi Fulnecky, Phyllis Ferguson, Mike Schilling, Justin Burnett, Craig Fishel, Ken McClure, and Bob Stephens. Absent: None.

Minutes

The minutes of July 13, 2015 were approved as presented.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda was finalized and approved as amended.

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, informed Council she had received requests to remove the following bills from the Consent Agenda: Council Bill 2015-188, Council Bill 2015-189, Council Bill 2015-194, and Council Bill 2015-195.

She noted Council Bill 2015-188 and Council Bill 2015-189 would be moved to First Reading Bills.

She added Council Bill 2015-194 would be moved to Resolutions.

She also noted Council Bill 2015-195 would be moved to Public Improvement Bills.

Councilman Schilling moved to add Council Bill 2015-196 to the agenda under Resolutions. Councilwoman Ferguson seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Fisk, Hosmer, Fulnecky, Ferguson, Schilling, Burnett, Fishel, McClure, and Stephens. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

The following appeared on the agenda under Ceremonial Matters:

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, swore in Jennifer Nelson-Colwell, Bonnie Jenkins, and Summer Masterson to serve as members of the Citizens Sales Tax Oversight Committee.

City Managers report and responses to questions raised at the previous City Council meeting:

Greg Burris, City Manager, responded all questions had been answered. Mr. Burris noted at the previous Council meeting, Councilman Hosmer requested police data trends for the previous five years. He added that information was provided via email by Paul Williams, Chief of Police.

Mr. Burris noted 53 citizens attended the first partner meeting following nine Community Listen sessions in Zone 1 neighborhoods on July 23. He expressed his belief that the community is taking the concerns of the citizens seriously and is ready to take action. Mr. Burris noted partners, along with many City departments, are discussing a rough draft of the 18-month action plan, which is being called a "Zone Blitz". He added the next step will be to break up into

training camps to break down 11 different topics and assign plays. Mr. Burris noted more details will be shared at the Community Summit: Focus on Poverty, which will take place at 9:30 a.m. on October 8 at the Springfield Art Museum. He added the Junior League of Springfield, the Community Foundation of the Ozarks, and the City of Springfield will announce Community Listen Zone Blitz plans, along with the results of the most recent Community Focus Report. Mr. Burris noted the Impacting Poverty Commission would also reveal its findings and recommendations.

Mr. Burris noted the City of Springfield is seeking feedback from citizens on the proposed lists of roadway construction projects to be included in the upcoming 1/8 cent Transportation and 1/4 cent Capital Improvement sales tax programs. He added the survey, which is available in hard copy or online at www.springfieldmo.gov/election during the month of August, includes short descriptions of the full list of projects. Mr. Burris noted the survey asks citizens to prioritize the projects and programs they think are most beneficial to the community and to offer any additional comments they might have. He added the survey is open to anyone who lives, works, or visits Springfield and frequents City roadways.

Mr. Burris noted more than 200 people have registered for this year's Birthplace of Route 66 Festival Parade and Car Show, which will be held August 14-16, in downtown Springfield. He added approximately 50 vendors have signed up for the three-day festival, which includes a large variety of activities. Mr. Burris noted complete details can be found at: www.route66festivalsgf.com.

Councilwoman Fisk noted she received a call from a resident in the Parkcrest Subdivision who was concerned about a fireworks display at The Way Church at 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 25. She asked if the church had a permit for this event. Mr. Burris noted he would have staff review this concern.

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Second Reading Bills:

Nuisance and Housing Code

Sponsor: Ferguson. Council Bill 2015-177. A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code by repealing Chapter 74 Nuisance and Housing Code in its entirety and enacting in lieu thereof a new Chapter 74 Nuisance and Housing Code.

Councilwoman Ferguson moved to amend Council Bill 2015-177, line 2586 by replacing "passage" with "August 25, 2015". Councilman Burnett seconded the motion and it was discussed.

Mayor Stephens noted this change was requested because there are currently nuisance properties that have hearings scheduled and this delay would allow those hearings to occur as originally planned. Subsequent hearings could then start with a "clean slate".

Councilman Burnett expressed his support of the proposed bill. He expressed his belief that the proposed bill would bring the City's regulations in compliance with State law. He also expressed his belief that the proposed is the "next step" in solving chronic nuisance property issues.

Councilwoman Fisk expressed her support of the proposed. She noted she does have some concerns and recommends Council review the proposed within the next year to determine what impact it has had on the issues that needed to be addressed, local businesses, and on tenants.

Councilwoman Ferguson expressed her support of the proposed. She noted the proposed is the culmination of many years of work done at a grassroots level throughout local neighborhoods and Building Development Services. Councilwoman Ferguson expressed her belief that the proposed would help lower crime rates as well as cleaning up nuisance properties.

Councilwoman Fulnecky expressed her support of the proposed. She expressed her appreciation to Chris Straw, Director of Building Development Services, and his staff for their work on the proposed.

The motion was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Fisk, Hosmer, Fulnecky, Ferguson, Schilling, Burnett, Fishel, McClure, and Stephens. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Amended Council Bill 2015-177. General Ordinance 6210 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Fisk, Hosmer, Fulnecky, Ferguson, Schilling, Burnett, Fishel, McClure, and Stephens. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Construction of the
Springfield Yardwaste
Recycling Center and
Biosolids Storage
Improvements**

Sponsor: McClure. Council Bill 2015-178. A special ordinance approving the plans, specifications and bid of Larry Snyder & Company for the construction of the Springfield Yardwaste Recycling Center and Biosolids Storage Improvements in the general vicinity of the Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plant; authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a contract for said improvement; and amending the budget of the Department of Environmental Services, Solid Waste Fund, for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 in the amount of \$1,425,000.

Council Bill 2015-178. Special Ordinance 26599 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Fisk, Hosmer, Fulnecky, Ferguson, Schilling, Burnett, Fishel, McClure, and Stephens. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Resolutions:

Council Bill 2015-196 was added to the agenda this evening.

**1/4 Cent Capital
Improvements Sales
Tax and 1/8 Cent
Transportation Sales
Tax Election**

Sponsor: Stephens. Council Bill 2015-196. A resolution declaring the intent of the Council of the City of Springfield to call for an election on April 5, 2016, to renew the City's 1/4-cent Capital Improvements sales tax and the 1/8-cent Transportation sales tax.

Greg Burris, City Manager, gave a brief overview of the proposed. He noted the proposed would put the 1/4-cent Capital Improvements sales tax and the 1/8-cent Transportation sales tax on the April 5, 2016 ballot. He added the 1/4-cent tax is on a three-year renewal cycle and the 1/8-cent tax is on a four-year renewal cycle, so every twelve years they coincide. Mr. Burris noted rather than having them on two separate ballots, it would be more cost effective to place them both on the April 5, 2016 ballot.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Bruce Adib-Yazdi spoke in support of the proposed. He noted he has worked for years to advocate bicycle and pedestrian traffic improvements throughout the community. He encouraged Council to continue to work towards improving bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

With no further appearances, the discussion was closed.

Mayor Stephens asked Mr. Burris for clarification regarding the Citizens Survey. Mr. Burris noted the survey allows citizens to add comments regarding additional projects they feel are needed.

Council Bill 2015-196. Resolution 10226 was approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Fisk, Hosmer, Fulnecky, Ferguson, Schilling, Burnett, Fishel, McClure, and Stephens. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Council Bill 2015-194 was moved from Consent Agenda One Reading Bills.

**Correcting the Terms
of the Planning and
Zoning Commission**

Sponsor: Fishel. Council Bill 2015-194. A resolution correcting the terms of the Planning and Zoning Commissioners to be consistent with Chapter 89 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri. (Staff recommends approval.)

Mayor Pro Tem McClure asked why this was being corrected at this point, when the State Statute was from 1999. Mary Lilly Smith, Director of Planning and Development, responded the issue was just brought to staff's attention. She added the City has 3-year terms for boards and commissions, and staff was not aware the State Statute for the Planning and Zoning Commission required 4-year terms. Ms. Smith added the State Statute preempts the City Charter.

Mayor Pro Tem McClure asked if the members of the Planning and Zoning Commission have been notified. Ms. Smith responded affirmatively.

Mayor Pro Tem McClure asked why the members were not being allowed to finish their existing terms before making the change to the length of their terms. Ms. Smith responded that since an inconsistency with the State Statute was found, it should be corrected as soon as possible.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views. With no appearances, the discussion was closed.

Council Bill 2015-194. Resolution 10227 was approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Fisk, Hosmer, Fulnecky, Ferguson, Schilling, Burnett, Fishel, McClure, and Stephens. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

EMERGENCY BILLS

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Council Bill 2015-195 was moved from Consent Agenda One Reading Bills.

**Sanitary Sewer District
No. 31 of Section No.
13**

Sponsor: Burnett. Council Bill 2015-195. A special ordinance to levy and assess a special tax against lots, blocks, and parcels of ground hereinafter described to pay for the cost of the construction of sanitary sewers in the City in Sanitary Sewer District No. 31 of Section No. 13, in the general vicinity of Thoman Street and Link Avenue, providing for inclusion of said district in the City Sewer Financial Assistance Program, and authorizing the City Clerk to issue special tax bills and deliver the same to the Director of Finance to be registered in her office in accordance with the ordinance.

Mayor Pro Tem McClure asked for explanation regarding how the proposed program works.

Errin Kemper, Assistant Director of Environmental Services, gave a brief overview of the proposed. He noted the City Sewer Financial Assistance Program was formed by Council in the early 1990's as a way to sewer the remaining areas in the City. He gave a brief overview of the process. Mr. Kemper noted a sanitary sewer district is formed and brought before Council for approval. Once that has been formed residents are notified and the sewer plan for the area is designed. Mr. Kemper noted once the sewer is designed and has gone out to contractors for bid, staff comes back to Council and asks them to accept the bid. He added the contractor then constructs the sewer and the final tax bill is received. Mr. Kemper noted each resident in the district pays wholly for the design and construction of the sewer improvement. He added the cost is divided between the residents based on square footage and once the tax bill has been established a bill, such as the proposed, comes before Council for approval. Mr. Kemper noted the City offers funding assistance which contains a "loan cap" to assist residents.

Mayor Pro Tem McClure asked if staff was reacting to a request from residents. Mr. Kemper responded affirmatively. He added that is not always the case, but in regards to the proposed it was a request from residents in the area.

Mr. Burris noted the goal is to sewer 100% of the City. Mayor Stephens asked how close the City is to reaching that goal. Mr. Kemper responded there is approximately 2% of the City that is currently not sewered. He added the properties that make up that percentage are left because those areas are going to be very difficult to sewer.

Councilman Hosmer asked if the tax bill is added to the resident's property tax. Mr. Kemper responded a lien is placed against the property. Councilman Hosmer asked if the lien would remain with the property or the individual. Mr. Kemper responded the lien is attached to the property.

Councilwoman Ferguson asked if a lot was split would each individual piece be eligible for the capped amount. Mr. Kemper responded affirmatively.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views. With no appearances, the discussion was closed.

Council Bill 2015-195. Special Ordinance 26600 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Fisk, Hosmer, Fulnecky, Ferguson, Schilling, Burnett, Fishel, McClure, and Stephens. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

GRANTS

AMENDED BILLS

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Public Hearing Bills:

Rezoning: 1042 South Scenic Avenue

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2015-183. A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 1-1600, Zoning Maps, by rezoning approximately 1.78 acres of property generally located at 1042 South Scenic Avenue from Planned Development District No. 269 to Planned Development District No. 350; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Both Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff recommend approval.) (By: Vecino Group; 1042 South Scenic Avenue; Planned Development 350.)

Mary Lilly Smith, Director of Planning and Development, gave a brief overview of the proposed. She noted the proposed is a request to rezone from one Planned Development (PD) to another. She added the request is consistent with PD 269. Ms. Smith noted the uses that were originally approved in PD 269 would remain the same in the proposed. She added the use would be limited to 26-dwelling units per acre and would be supportive service housing for targeted populations. Ms. Smith noted the targeted populations could include domestic violence victims, veterans, seniors, or intergenerational housing for youth aging out of foster care. She added the Growth Management and Land Use Plan designates the area for light industrial, office, and office warehouse uses. Ms. Smith noted PD 350 would include 10 1-bedroom and 36 2-or-3 bedroom apartments. She added the developer would be required to dedicate right-of-way or a sidewalk easement. Ms. Smith noted due to the Multi-Family Location and Design Guidelines the proposed was awarded additional dwelling units because it is using green building construction and is an affordable housing project. She added amenities would include a fitness room, playground, and community garden. Ms. Smith noted on-street angled parking would be available on Delmar Street. She added the Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommend approval.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Lisa Farmer, Executive Director of Harmony House, spoke in support of the proposed. She noted Harmony House and the Vecino Group are the developers of the proposed. She added Harmony House is a domestic violence shelter. Ms. Farmer noted the capacity of the facility is 110 beds and they are normally full every night. She added the proposed would provide 46 high quality, safe, secure, and affordable transitional homes for victims of domestic violence who have completed their 90-100 day stay at Harmony House. Ms. Farmer noted Harmony House would be onsite to provide services such as case management and support groups.

Councilwoman Fulnecky expressed her appreciation to Ms. Farmer and the staff at Harmony House for the work they do for the citizens of Springfield.

Councilman Burnett asked what the average rental cost would be per unit. Ms. Farmer responded she did not have the exact amount, but she knew they would

be offered below market cost.

Councilman Fishel asked if the proposed development would have security. Ms. Farmer noted the cost of a security system has been built into the cost of the project and all of the ground floor apartments would have rear facing windows. She added the parking lot would have a gate that would require a code to enter.

Councilwoman Ferguson asked if the proposed would create additional room in the shelter. Ms. Farmer responded in the negative. She added they believe the proposed would allow them to move people through the shelter more quickly, which would allow them to help more people.

With no further appearances, the public hearing was closed.

Rezoning: 505 East Trafficway

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2015-184. A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 1-1600, Zoning Maps, by rezoning approximately 1.26 acres of property generally located at 505 East Trafficway from HM, Heavy Manufacturing District, to CC, Center City District; establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 95; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.) (By: Springfield Tool & Die; 505 East Trafficway; Z-20-2015 & Conditional Overlay District No. 95.)

Mary Lilly Smith, Director of Planning and Development, gave a brief overview of the proposed. She noted the proposed property is currently home to the STD Flea Market. She added the Conditional Overlay included in the proposed requires the following: additional right-of-way on Trafficway, access points 150 feet apart, and a traffic study at the time of development or if the use changes. Ms. Smith noted the Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommend approval.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Rick Wilson spoke in support of the proposed. He noted he represents the owners of the STD Flea Market. He added this area was originally zoned heavy manufacturing. Mr. Wilson noted the owners would like to upgrade their facility and look at possible other allowed uses for the property.

With no further appearances, the public hearing was closed.

Rezoning: 3005, 3015, and 3027 South Lakeside Avenue

Sponsor: Fishel. Council Bill 2015-185. A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 1-1600, Zoning Maps, by rezoning approximately 1.03 acres of property generally located at 3005, 3015 and 3027 South Lakeside Avenue from R-SF, Single Family Residential District to O-1, Office District; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.) (By: Battlefield Station LLC; 3005, 3015 and 3027 South Lakeside Avenue; Z-21-2015.)

Mary Lilly Smith, Director of Planning and Development, gave a brief overview of the proposed. She noted the proposed property was originally rezoned in 2007 to an Office District with conditions. She added those conditions had to be met within three years or the zoning would expire. Ms. Smith noted the zoning has

expired and the property owners are asking for essentially the same rezoning in the proposed. She added there would be access limitations and they would be required to combine the lots. Ms. Smith noted a bufferyard on the east and south side would also be required. She added the Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommend approval.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Rick Wilson spoke in support of the proposed. He noted the proposed property was originally platted as a residential subdivision in the 1960's. He added due to the difficulty of development in this portion of the subdivision the proposed lots have never been occupied. Mr. Wilson noted the condition that was not met originally was the combining of the lots. He expressed his belief that would not be a problem at this time.

With no further appearances, the public hearing was closed.

**Rezoning: 1929 East
Dale Street**

Sponsor: Burnett. Council Bill 2015-186. A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 1-1600, Zoning Maps, by rezoning approximately 0.86 acres of property generally located at 1929 East Dale Street from R-SF, Single Family Residential District to HM, Heavy Manufacturing District; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.) (By: Loren Cook Company; 1929 East Dale Street; Z-25-2015.)

Mary Lilly Smith, Director of Planning and Development, gave a brief overview of the proposed. She noted the proposed is a request from the Loren Cook Company to accommodate an expansion to their complex. She added the Growth Management and Land Use Plan designates this area appropriate for general industry, transportation, and utilities. Ms. Smith noted in 1999 Council rezoned several surrounding properties to Heavy Manufacturing. She added a bufferyard and landscaping would be required on the west and north side of the development. Ms. Smith noted the Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommend approval.

Councilman Hosmer asked for clarification regarding the location of the proposed. Ms. Smith pointed out the location on the overhead map. Councilman Hosmer asked if there were homes located on the proposed properties. Ms. Smith responded in the negative. She added a neighborhood meeting was held and no negative comments were received.

Mayor Stephens asked if the proposed would add any additional jobs. Ms. Smith responded she does not have that information.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Neil Brady, Anderson Engineering, spoke in support of the proposed. He noted Loren Cook has been renting a facility across the street and the proposed expansion would allow them to move those employees to their complex. Mr. Brady expressed his belief that the proposed would provide space for additional employees in the future, but that no new employees would be hired at this time.

Councilman Burnett noted he had discussed a sidewalk issue with Mr. Cook previously. He asked if that had been resolved. Ms. Smith responded staff is in the process of resolving the issue. She added staff has created some proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance which should resolve this issue.

With no further appearances, the public hearing was closed.

Use Permit 415

Sponsor: Burnett. Council Bill 2015-187. A special ordinance authorizing the issuance of "Use Permit 415" to permit an electronic message center sign generally located at 934 South Kimbrough Avenue in a non-business area that is zoned R-HD, High-Density Multi-Family District, and UN, University Combining District, on certain conditions. (Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommend approval.)

Mary Lilly Smith, Director of Planning and Development, gave a brief overview of the proposed. She noted the proposed is a request from Springfield Public Schools for the Phelps Center for Gifted Education. She added the address included in the proposed is 934 South Kimbrough Avenue, but the proposed sign would be located at the Holland Street entrance. Ms. Smith noted the 2014 sign code requires Council approval for electronic message signs in non-business areas. She added the sign must be located in substantial conformance with the site plan and elevation. Ms. Smith noted the Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommend approval.

Councilwoman Ferguson asked if the proposed sign would be flashing and distract drivers. Ms. Smith responded the sign would be an electronic message board but could not flash. Councilwoman Ferguson asked if it was a monument sign. Ms. Smith responded in the negative, adding it would be a pylon sign.

Councilwoman Ferguson asked how tall the sign would be. Mr. Burris responded approximately 13-feet.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Tim Harris, Pinnacle Sign Group, spoke in support of the proposed. He noted his company would be building the sign. He added the sign was designed as pylon so that it would be higher and could be seen by parents driving into the school driveway. Mr. Harris noted the sign has to be static. He added it cannot flash or animate, but it can be scroll. Mr. Harris noted the parent group from the Phelps Center for Gifted Education raised the money to purchase this sign.

With no further appearances, the public hearing was closed.

The following bills appeared on the agenda under First Reading Bills:

Council Bill 2015-188 was moved from Consent Agenda First Reading Bills.

Brownfields Program Revolving Loan Fund Policies and Procedures

Sponsor: Fisk. Council Bill 2015-188. A special ordinance amending and restating the Brownfields Program Revolving Loan Fund (BRLF) Policies and Procedures to increase program flexibility and adjust loan terms and conditions to reflect current lending market conditions. (Planning staff recommends approval.)

Mayor Pro Tem McClure asked for clarification regarding the lack of viability of the proposed program. He expressed concern that only two loans have been made through the proposed program. Mary Lilly Smith, Director of Planning and Development, responded staff has spoken with potential loan recipients to discuss that concern. She added there is a lot of “red tape” associated with these loans. Mayor Pro Tem McClure asked if changing the proposed program would mitigate some of those hazards. Ms. Smith responded very few changes could be made to the program because of requirements by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Mayor Pro Tem McClure asked how much was available to lend through the proposed program. Ms. Smith responded approximately \$1 million. Mayor Pro Tem McClure asked if there are any potential borrowers. Ms. Smith responded staff receives inquiries constantly. She added staff hopes that lowering the interest rates will assist in making loans.

Councilman Burnett asked what the past interest rates were. Ms. Smith responded 0% for the first two years, 3% for a five year loan, or 6% for a ten year loan. She added the proposed includes a rate of 0% for a five year loan.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views. With no appearances, the public hearing was closed.

Council Bill 2015-189 was moved from Consent Agenda First Reading Bills.

**Small Business
Development Loan
Program Rules and
Regulations**

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2015-189. A special ordinance amending and restating the Small Business Development Loan Program Rules and Regulations to rename the program as the "Commercial Loan Program," increase program flexibility and availability, and adjust the terms to reflect current lending market conditions. (Planning staff recommends approval.)

Mary Lilly Smith, Director of Planning and Development, gave a brief overview of the proposed. She noted the proposed program has been active for over 30 years and has made over 225 loans totaling approximately \$30 million. She added in the past few years the “deal flow” has decreased significantly. Staff met with several borrowers to determine why they were not interested in the proposed program anymore. Ms. Smith noted the consensus was the loan terms were too high. She added currently this program has \$3.5 million available to loan. Ms. Smith noted the proposed includes a lower interest rate based on the prime interest rate. She added staff also spoke with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regarding the prevailing wage requirement. Ms. Smith noted HUD agreed to allow the interest rate to drop another point due to that aforementioned prevailing wage requirement.

Mayor Pro Tem McClure asked for clarification regarding the program being available citywide. Ms. Smith responded a small percentage of funding was previously available to eliminate slum and blight. She added those funds were only available in very specific areas, mostly in the downtown area. Ms. Smith noted the remainder of the funding was also limited to certain geographic areas. The proposed would allow the funding to be used for any job creation where 51% or more of the employees meet low-to-moderate income standards or if the business itself principally benefits low-to-moderate income individuals.

Mayor Pro Tem McClure asked for clarification regarding the proposed name change. Ms. Smith noted staff believes the proposed name change better suits the program and the projects that are funded.

Councilman Hosmer asked if staff has attempted to modify the Façade Loan Program to make it more competitive. Ms. Smith responded in the negative, adding a façade loan has not been made in over ten years. Councilman Hosmer asked why façade loans were not being made. Ms. Smith responded the façade loans offered deferred payments; however borrowers treated the loans as grants. She added staff also found that just improving the façade of a building was not enough. Ms. Smith noted in the future the Façade Loan Program would probably be eliminated.

Councilman Hosmer asked what the interest rate for the proposed would be. Ms. Smith responded that rate would be based on the prime interest rate and the Davis-Bacon Act requirement.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views. With no appearances, the public hearing was closed.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND COMMUNICATIONS

The following appeared on the agenda under New Business:

As per RSMo. 109.230 (4), City records that are on file in the City Clerk's office and have met the retention schedule will be destroyed in compliance with the guidelines established by the Secretary of State's office.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MISCELLANEOUS

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Consent Agenda First Reading Bills:

Council Bill 2015-188 was read and discussed under First Reading Bills.

Council Bill 2015-189 was read and discussed under First Reading Bills.

Preliminary Plat of Roberts Industrial Park

Sponsor: Ferguson. Council Bill 2015-190. A special ordinance authorizing the Director of Planning and Development to accept the dedication of the public streets and easements to the City of Springfield as shown on the Preliminary Plat of Roberts Industrial Park, generally located at the 1000-1200 blocks of North Farm Road 123 (Westgate Avenue), upon the applicant filing and recording a final plat that substantially conforms to the preliminary plat; and authorizing the City Clerk to sign the final plat upon compliance with the terms of this ordinance. (Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff recommend that City Council accept the public streets and easements.)

Oak Grove Avenue and Catalpa Street

Sponsor: Burnett. Council Bill 2015-191. A special ordinance approving the plans and specifications for the Oak Grove Avenue and Catalpa Street roundabout,

Roundabout

Plan No. 2015PW0015WT; accepting the bid of Hartman & Company, Inc. for that project; and authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a contract with such bidder.

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Consent Agenda One Reading Bills:

**Appointments/
Reappointments to the
Commercial Street CID
Board of Directors**

Sponsor: Fishel. Council Bill 2015-192. A resolution confirming the appointments of Robin Gilmore and Stacy Jurado-Miller and the reappointments of Jina Gorham and Kailey York to serve on the Commercial Street Community Improvement District (CID) Board of Directors.

Council Bill 2015-192. Resolution 10228 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Fisk, Hosmer, Fulnecky, Ferguson, Schilling, Burnett, Fishel, McClure, and Stephens. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Appointments to the
James River Commons
CID Board of Directors**

Sponsor: Ferguson. Council Bill 2015-193. A resolution confirming the appointments of Robert Green and Nathan Keller to the James River Commons Community Improvement District (CID) Board of Directors.

Council Bill 2015-193. Resolution 10229 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Fisk, Hosmer, Fulnecky, Ferguson, Schilling, Burnett, Fishel, McClure, and Stephens. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Council Bill 2015-194 was read, discussed, and voted on under Resolutions.

Council Bill 2015-195 was read, discussed, and voted on under Public Improvement Bills.

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Second Reading Bills:

**Cost Share Agreement
to Complete Off-Site
Improvements with
JDC Springfield LLC**

Sponsor: Burnett. Council Bill 2015-179. A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a Cost Share Agreement and an Agreement to Complete Off-Site Improvements with JDC Springfield, L.L.C., (JDC), for the purpose of sharing in the costs of railroad crossing pavement widening, installation of lights and gates at the railroad crossing, and the construction of improvements to Farm Road 199 (Mulroy Road); and amending the budget of the Department of Public Works for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 in the amount of \$174,967.90 to appropriate a reimbursement payment from JDC for their portion of the project costs.

Council Bill 2015-179. Special Ordinance 26601 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Fisk, Hosmer, Fulnecky, Ferguson, Schilling, Burnett, Fishel, McClure, and Stephens. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Council confirmed the following appointments to the Springfield-Greene County Public Library Board: William Garvin and Ashley Norgard with terms to expire July 1, 2018.

Council confirmed the following appointment to the Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority: King Coltrin with term to expire March 1, 2017.

Council confirmed the following appointments to the Springfield-Greene County Park Board: Carolyn Gerdes and Bob Horton with terms to expire June 1, 2018.

Council confirmed the following appointment to the Springfield-Greene County Park Board: Sid Needem with term to expire June 1, 2016.

Closed Session

Councilman Fishel moved that City Council hold a closed meeting to discuss legal actions, causes of action, litigation, privileged and confidential communications, pursuant to Sections 610.021 (1), and this meeting, record, and vote be closed and the City Council shall stand adjourned at the end of the closed session. Mayor Pro Tem McClure seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Fisk, Hosmer, Fulnecky, Ferguson, Schilling, Burnett, Fishel, McClure, and Stephens. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Prepared by Lisa M. Harley-Lurten

Anita J. Cotter, CMC/MRCC
City Clerk